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SUBJ: 61ST ECOSOC: ITEM 9, OMNIBUS ECONOMIC RESOLUTION

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1. SUMMARY: WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE G-77 MAY PROCEED TO
TABLE FORMALLY A REVISED DRAFT RESOLUTION EMBODYING ONLY THEIR OWN
AMENDMENTS ARE REPORTED IN REFTEL. WE ARE COORDINATING
WITH THE EC-9 ON A POSSIBLE COUNTER-PLOY BLENDING US
AMENDMENTS WITH THOSE OF OTHER WESTERN DELEGATIONS IN
AN EFFORT TO FORCE CONSENSUS. WHILE THE TACTICAL SITUA-
TION IS UNCERTAIN, WE BELIEVE THE OVERALL PLITICAL SITUATION
CALLS FOR AGREEMENT. WE WILL APPRECIATE A QUICK
DEPARTMENT REACTION TO THE PUTATIVE WESTERN DRAFT REPORTED
IN THIS TELEGRAM. END SUMMARY.

2. SUBSEQUENT TO REFTEL, MYERSON HAD AN OPPORTUNITY
JULY 31 TO DISCUSS THE SITUATION FIRST WITH SPECIAL
COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN EHSASSI OF IRAN (WHO LEAVES GENEVA
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TODAY) AND WITH UK DELEGATION HEAD MARSHALL, WHO ACTS

AS EC-9 SPOKESMAN ON THIS SUBJECT.

3. EHSASSI INDICATED THAT THE G-77 CAUCUS FRIDAY EVENING "PRETTY WELL DECIDED" TO GO AHEAD WITH ITS OWN TEXT REVISED TO INCLUDE ONLY THE AMENDMENTS THEY HAD INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT IN THE DRAFTING GROUP SESSION REPORTED REFTEL. WHEN PRESSED AS TO JUST WHAT THIS MEANT, EHSASSI SAID THERE WOULD PROBABLY BE NO FURTHER DRAFTING GROUP WORK, BUT THAT THE G-77 MIGHT STILL BE AMENABLE TO "ONE OR TWO SPECIFIC CHANGES TO PERMIT CONSENSUS." MYERSON REJOINED THAT THIS SEEMED AN UNACCEPTABLE NEGOTIATING APPROACH SINCE THE CONTACT GROUP, IN FACT, HAS MADE ONLY ONE SERIOUS DRAFTING EFFORT.

4. FOLLOWING THE TALK WITH EHSASSI, WE MET WITH EC-9 SPOKESMAN MARSHALL. HE HAD JUST PRODUCED A POSSIBLE CONSOLIDATED TEXT TAKING SUBSTANTIAL ACCOUNT OF US AND OTHER WESTERN SUGGESTIONS--PLUS HIS BEST GUESS AS TO HOW FAR THE G-77 MIGHT ULTIMATELY BE PUSHED. WE AGREED THAT HE COULD TELL THE EC-9 ON MONDAY MORNING THAT THE US DEL IS GENERALLY FAVORABLE TO THIS TEXT. HE UNDERTOOK TO GET THE JAPANESE ON BOARD. JUST HOW A COMBINED WESTERN DRAFT CAN BE USED TACTICALLY IS OPEN. THERE IS THE POSSIBILITY OF AN INFORMAL APPROACH TO ECOSOC PRESIDENT AKE.

5. UNLESS THE G-77 PROVE TO BE INTRANSIGENT, WE INTEND TO PUSH HARD FOR CONSENSUS, KEEPING IN MIND THE FACT THAT WE CAN ALWAYS MAKE A CLEAR STATEMENT OF INTERPRETATION OR RESERVATION, BOTH ON POLICY MATTERS AND ON THE IMPORTANT QUESTION OF THE SECRETARIAT'S INDEPENDENCE AND OBJECTIVITY. IT SEEMS TO US THAT, ON MANY POINTS OF NUANCE, MAJOR US INTERESTS ARE NOT AT STAKE. WHILE NOT EXAGGERATING THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS TEXT ONE WAY OR THE OTHER, THE GENERAL SITUATION IN THE UN AND IN THE NORTH/SOUTH DIALOGUE WOULD ALSO SEEM TO POINT TOWARD THE DESIRABILITY OF AGREEMENT HERE. THE UK DEL SHARES THIS VIEW. WE HAVE AGREED THAT, IN TAKING A CONCILIATORY LINE, HOWEVER, WE MUST BE SUFFICIENTLY FIRM TO AVOID GIVING A WRONG SIGNAL IN VIEW OF THE FORTHCOMING UNGA SESSION OR OTHER INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS.

6. QUICK WASHINGTON REACTION TO THE TEXT BELOW WOULD BE MOST LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HELPFUL. IN PARTICULAR, PLEASE PROVIDE GUIDANCE ON THE PARAGRAPH DEALING WITH CIEC, INCLUDING REFERENCE TO "CONCRETE RESULTS BY THE END OF 1976."

7. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF POSSIBLE CONSOLIDATED WESTERN DRAFT. QUOTE
DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION

THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

RECALLING GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS 2626 (XXV) ON THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY FOR THE SECOND UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT DECADE, 3201 (S-VI) ON THE DECLARATION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER, 3202 (S-VI) ON THE PROGRAMME OF ACTION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER, 3281 (XXIX) ON THE CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF STATES, 3362 (S-VII) ON DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION AND 3517 (XXX) ON THE MID-TERM REVIEW AND APPRAISAL OF PROGRESS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY FOR THE SECOND UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT DECADE.

NOTING WITH CONCERN THE VIEWS OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES THAT SOME OF THE DOCUMENTATION PREPARED BY THE UN SECRETARIAT INCLUDING THE WORLD ECONOMIC SURVEY DOES NOT APPEAR TO TAKE FULLY INTO ACCOUNT THE CONCLUSIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WITH RESPECT TO THE FRAMEWORK OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER,

TAKING NOTE OF THE SUMMARY OF DATA RELATING TO PERFORMANCE UNDER THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (E/5827), THE REPORT OF THE CDP ON ITS XIITH SESSION (E/5793), THE ACC PROGRESS REPORT ON THE RESPONSE OF THE UN SYSTEM TO RESOLUTION 3362 (E/5803 ADD. 1), AND THE PROGRESS REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL ON THE CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION (A/31/107),

FURTHER TAKING NOTE OF THE ORAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF UNCTAD ON THE 4TH SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE,

BEARING IN MIND THE SEARCHING GENERAL DEBATE HELD IN ABIDJAN DURING THE FIRST PART OF ITS 61ST SESSION,

1. EXPRESSES DEEP CONCERN THAT, DURING THE FIRST HALF OF THE SECOND UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT DECADE, ALTHOUGH SOME OF THE TARGETS WERE MET OR EXCEEDED, LARGELY DUE TO THE EFFORTS OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, THERE HAVE BEEN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SERIOUS SHORTFALLS BOTH IN ACHIEVING THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES SPECIFIED IN THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY AND IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE POLICY MEASURES CONTAINED THEREIN;

2. WHILE RECOGNIZING THAT SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS HAS BEEN ACHIEVED IN A NUMBER OF AREAS, EXPRESSES CONCERN AT THE SLOW PACE OF PROGRESS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A NUMBER OF OTHER MEASURES SPECIFIED IN THE RESOLUTIONS AND DECISIONS AGREED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS SIXTH AND SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSIONS;

3. TAKES NOTE OF THE AGREEMENTS, ALBEIT LIMITED, REACHED AT UNCTAD IV AND URGES MEMBER COUNTRIES, IN PARTICULAR THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, TO INTENSIFY THEIR EFFORTS TO REACH AGREEMENT ON CONCRETE AND URGENT SOLUTIONS TO PENDING ISSUES THROUGH THE CONSULTATIONS AND NEGOTIATIONS CALLED FOR IN THE

AGREEMENTS REACHED AT UNCTAD IV AND IN ALL OTHER APPROPRIATE FORA BOTH WITHIN AND WITHOUT THE UNITED NATIONS;

4. EXPRESSES DEEP CONCERN AND DISAPPOINTMENT IN THIS CONTEXT AT THE DEADLOCK CURRENTLY REACHED IN THE CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION;

5. EXPRESSES THE HOPE THAT THE DIFFICULTIES WILL BE PROMPTLY OVERCOME AND THAT RAPID PROGRESS WILL SUBSEQUENTLY BE MADE TOWARDS THE ACHIEVEMENT OF CONCRETE RESULTS BY THE END OF 1976.

6. CALLS UPON ALL COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, TO REDOUBLE THEIR EFFORTS TO IMPLEMENT THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY DURING THE REMAINING LIFE OF THE SECOND UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT DECADE WITH PARTICULAR REGARD TO THE SHORTFALLS RECORDED DURING THE

FIRST HALF OF THE DECADE;

7. URGES THE UNITED NATIONS SECRETARIAT TO RESPOND FULLY TO APPROPRIATE UN DECISIONS AND TO ENSURE THAT DOCUMENTATION WHICH IT PREPARES TAKES FULLY INTO ACCOUNT THE DIRECTIVES OF THE RELEVANT LEGISLATIVE TEXTS;

8. RECOMMENDS THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN CARRYING OUT THE EXERCISE PROVIDED FOR IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 3517 (XXX) TO LOOK FORWARD TO THE ELABORATION OF A NEW STRATEGY FOR THE THIRD DEVELOPMENT DECADE WHICH WOULD INCLUDE A CLOSE EXAMINATION OF THE ACHIEVEMENTS AND SHORTFALLS OF THE SECOND DEVELOPMENT DECADE AND THE LESSONS TO BE DERIVED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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